Additionally, the Applicants were required to elect one of the following damping means subgroups:

A, Figure 10 recited in claims 1-20;

B, Figure 11 recited in claims 1-20; and

C, Figure 12 recited in claims 1-20.

Pursuant to the election of species requirement, the Applicants elect prosecution on the merits of Species 1, as shown in Figures 1-4, 13 and 14. The Applicants submit that this species is recited in claims 20, 22, 25 and 28.

The Applicants also elect prosecution on the merits of Subgroups A, B and C with traverse. Figures 10 and 12 are directed to equivalent embodiments. Figure 10 shows the connection of the coil 11 to the moving component 9, while the permanent magnet 12 and the non-permanent magnet 13 are both connected to the fixed support member 3. In Figure 11, the coil 11 is connected to the static support member 3, while the permanent magnets 12 are connected to the moving component 9 of the actuator 8. Figure 11 is the same as Figure 10, and has the same elastic element (5) as in Figure 10, although the elastic element is not shown in the illustrated view of Figure 11.
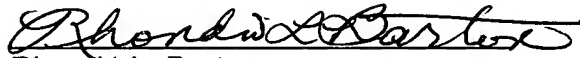
The Applicants also reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

With the above election, the Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for examination on the merits. An early examination and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper,

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